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# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director for Operations

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FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

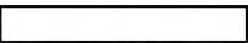
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1. On 5 October, Chief, FDD, spoke on the subject of machine translation to field office chiefs of Contact Division.

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3. On 31 October, Chief, FDD briefed  Special Assistant to the DD/I, concerning FDD contributions to the support of DD/P operations.

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4. Deputy Chief, FDD and Chief, Support Branch, FDD participated in a briefing tour arranged by OCR on 25 October for the Army Scientific and Technical Information Group. This group, headed by Dr. Herbert L. Ley, Jr., Life Sciences Division, Army Research Office, is surveying existing systems for input and retrieval of scientific and technical information as one step toward establishing an integrated S and T information program for the Department of Defense as a whole. The group was briefed on FDD's program for reporting scientific information, and current and potential systems for filing and retrieving such information in the CTS index.

5. The IBM Corporation on 18 October submitted to the ADP Staff and FDD its proposal for the application of the techniques of high speed machine transcription of stenotypy to a system for converting translated dictation into printed documents. The system, known as the Stenowriter, can service 28 stenotypists all working full time at 150 words per minute. An advantage of this system is that it is a general purpose language processor that can be used for other applications, such as language translation. The IBM proposal is currently under study by FDD and the ADP Staff.

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6. During the month the Division initiated four press information reports relating to insurgency and counterinsurgency in South America, Central America and the Caribbean, Africa, and the Near East.

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8. Dating from 27 October, the Office of the Chief, FDD is staffed seven days a week.

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9. [redacted] received a commendation from the Director of Training for an excellent translation [redacted] of the Field Officer's Guide to Intelligence Information Reporting.



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